

## **To Get More Information:**

- Call ServiceLink:  
Toll Free at 1-866-634-9412
- Call NH's Health Insurance  
Experts (HICEAS):  
Toll Free at 1-800-852-3388
- Call Medicare:  
Toll Free at 1-800-633-4227  
TTY users should call  
1-877-486-2048

NH Department of Health  
and Human Services  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03301

[www.dhhs.nh.gov](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov)

Medicaid Client Services:  
Tel # 271-4344 or Toll free at  
1-800-852-3345 Ext. 4344

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# **MEAD**

**Medicaid for  
Employed  
Adults with  
Disabilities**

## **What's New:**

**Medicaid  
Prescription  
Drug  
Changes  
As of January 1, 2006**

### **Change in drug coverage:**

Beginning January 1, 2006, individuals who have Medicare and Medicaid coverage through MEAD will have most of their prescription drugs covered through Medicare, instead of NH Medicaid.

### **Your Prescription Drug Plan:**

In October 2005, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will send you important information about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage and how to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan that meets your needs. This letter will also explain that Medicare will automatically enroll you into a drug plan, if you do not personally choose and enroll in a prescription drug plan before mid-December 2005.

### **What you need to do:**

Because drug plans may vary in the pharmacies and drugs that they cover, you should compare plans and choose the plan that best meets your needs. You'll need to consider

if the plan that you are automatically enrolled into covers your particular medications and if the pharmacy location is convenient for you. **If you would like help in comparing drug plans and enrolling, please call one of the organizations listed on the back of this brochure.**

### **What you will pay:**

As a person with Medicare and Medicaid, you are fully eligible for the "extra help with drug plan costs," even though you have higher earnings and assets. This means there will be no monthly premium or annual deductible for you to pay. You will, however, have to pay a co-payment of \$1.00 to \$5.00 for each covered prescription.

### **Changing Plans after Enrollment:**

After enrollment, you can change Medicare drug plans during any month if you find another plan that better meets your needs.

### **Excluded Drugs:**

There are a few classes of drugs—namely, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, and prescribed over-the-counter drugs—which are covered through Medicaid, but will not be covered through the new Medicare drug plans. These classes of drugs will continue to be covered for you by NH Medicaid, just as they are now. If you need assistance with these classes of drugs, you will need to contact Medicaid Client Services rather than your Medicare drug plan.